

# ARIZONA News Release



Arizona Strip Resource Management Plan Revision  
Vermilion Cliffs National Monument Management Plan  
Grand Canyon-Parashant National Monument Management Plan

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## **Arizona Strip BLM, NPS host open houses for public comment**

**St. George, Utah** – The Bureau of Land Management and National Park Service are hosting five open houses June 2-6 to gather public comment about the preliminary management alternatives for the Arizona Strip, including the Grand Canyon-Parashant and Vermilion Cliffs national monuments.

Arizona Strip planners are developing management plans for the monuments and the 1.7 million acres of non-monument BLM land on the Arizona Strip. They are in the initial stages of developing five management alternatives, and are seeking public comment on these preliminary alternatives.

“We want to ensure that we are addressing all the issues and concerns the public have identified,” said Planning Coordinator Diana Hawks. “This particular series of meetings is not required as part of planning, but we want to keep the public involved throughout the entire process.”

Planners will use the public comments received as they develop details for each alternative that will be in the draft Environmental Impact Statement for the management plans. Once the draft EIS is released in the spring of 2004, another series of public meetings will be held to gather specific input about the details of the management alternatives.

The public is invited to stop by anytime during the open houses to gather information, ask questions, and express their views. Meetings will be held from 4-6 p.m., local time:

- June 2, Mesquite, Nev., City Hall Training Room, 10 E. Mesquite Blvd.
- June 3, St. George, Utah, Dixie Convention Center, 1835 Convention Center Dr.
- June 4, Fredonia, Ariz., City Council Chambers, 25 N. Main
- June 5, Kingman, Ariz., Mohave Community College Student Union, Room 106
- June 6, Flagstaff, Ariz., Dubois Center Building 64, Fremont Room, NAU

Public comments on the preliminary alternatives will be accepted until July 7, 2003, via e-mail [Arizona\\_Strip@blm.gov](mailto:Arizona_Strip@blm.gov), or by mail at Arizona Strip Planning Team, 345 E. Riverside Dr., St. George, Utah 84790.

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